

# NEWS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 7, 2012

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## **WALKER ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TREASURY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector Larry Walker is accepting applications from the public to fill a membership vacancy on the Treasury Oversight Committee.

"I believe it is important to promote open government and give taxpayers the opportunity to learn about how we invest their money," said Walker. "Although the Treasury Oversight Committee is no longer required by law, we have continued to maintain the committee to provide transparency for our investment pool participants and the public."

In November of 1996, as then mandated by State Government Code Section 27131, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors established the Treasury Oversight Committee to provide broad oversight and review of the County Investment Pool. In 2004, the State Code Section 27131 was amended to make the establishment of Treasury Oversight Committees optional and no longer mandatory. Although discretionary, the County continues to maintain a Treasury Oversight Committee. The primary duties of the Committee are to annually review the Treasurer's Statement of Investment Policy and to cause an audit to be conducted of the Committee's compliance with applicable law. San Bernardino County Treasury Oversight Committee meetings are scheduled quarterly, are open to the public, and are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

A complete description of the functions of the Treasury Oversight Committee, membership requirements and duties, and procedures for application may be requested by contacting Wendy Sulzmann, at (909) 386-9000.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume with contact information to:

Office of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector  
222 West Hospitality Lane, Fourth Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0018  
Attn: Wendy Sulzmann

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## **Memorial Day Weekend Marks the Start of the Camping Season on the San Bernardino National Forest**

**San Bernardino, Calif., May 22, 2012** –Camping in national forests can be a year-round endeavor, but for many people Memorial Day weekend is the deadline to air out the tents, dust off the hiking boots and load up on the makings for s'mores.

Kids are out of school, or nearly so, and the days are warmer and longer. It is a perfect time to start reintroducing yourself to the fun and excitement and the calm and peacefulness national forests and grasslands have to offer.

Most of the recreation sites on the San Bernardino National Forest will be open for forest visitors by Memorial Day weekend. "The forest is ready for the 2012 summer recreation season," said Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron. "We encourage people to enjoy the outdoors while camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing or a variety of other recreational activities on our forest."

As always, forest officials encourage visitors to be aware of their surroundings and responsibilities when visiting the forest. "We want to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable visit while always remaining aware of the current situation outdoors and the potential for wildfire and wildlife, and call ahead to check the status of places you plan to visit" said Supervisor Noiron.

### ***"Know Before You Go"***

#### **Campfires**

Campfires are only permitted at developed sites in the designated fire rings in campgrounds, picnic grounds and Yellow Post Sites. Outside of developed sites, only propane or gas cooking stoves are permitted. Always call ahead to check on the current fire restrictions.

#### **Campgrounds**

Campgrounds are popular for three-day weekend getaways, so reserving early is sometimes key, so you need to plan. Campground reservations can be made online through Reserve USA at: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling toll free 1-877-444-6777.

#### **Recreation Use Fees**

The Forest Adventure Pass must be displayed on a visitor's parked vehicle when

recreating in Standard Amenity Fee Areas and certain developed sites like campgrounds and picnic areas. An on-line source of designated fee sites, areas and fee information is available on our new Forest Adventure Pass website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/adventurepass](http://www.fs.usda.gov/adventurepass)

### **Off-Highway Vehicles**

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users should call ahead to the Ranger Station to call ahead to confirm their OHV plans and verify rules and regulations. OHV riding area maps are available on the San Bernardino National Forest website. “Red Sticker” vehicle riding season has closed in the San Bernardino mountains for the summer and will resume on October 1. (San Jacinto mountains “red sticker areas close on May 31).

All Visitor Centers will be open on the holiday weekend, including Monday. Please call or stop by for the latest conditions and recreation information at the following offices:

**Barton Flats Visitor Center** Hwy 38, 7 miles East of Angelus Oaks (909) 794-4891

**Big Bear Discovery Center** 41397 North Shore Drive / Highway 38, Fawnskin (909) 382-2790

**Idyllwild Ranger Station** 54270 Pine Crest, Idyllwild (909) 382-2922

**Lytle Creek Ranger Station** 1209 Lytle Creek Road, Lytle Creek (909) 382-2851

**Mill Creek Visitor Center** 34701 Mill Creek Road, Mentone (909) 382-2882

**Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center** 51-500 Highway 74 Palm Desert (760) 862-9984

For additional information about the San Bernardino National Forest, please visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

*The mission of the US Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.*

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 17, 2012**

**San Bernardino County Exercises Readiness Plans**

Over the next few months, the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services will be hosting a series of readiness exercises. Since 2006, San Bernardino County has participated in the annual Golden Guardian Exercise, a statewide disaster preparedness program. These exercises provide first responders from local government the opportunity to see what works and what doesn't when they put their plans into action. The exercise series will use and build upon the "ShakeOut" scenario, a 7.8 earthquake on the southern section of the San Andreas Fault. Ground motion and secondary disasters such as large fires affect San Bernardino County and the entire Southern California region. Significant damage occurs to lifelines such as electrical lines, gas and petroleum lines, telephone lines, water distribution systems, bridges, roads and highways, railroads, as well as to commercial and residential structures, and critical facilities such as hospitals.

"Exercises such as the Operational Area Golden Guardian series serve as an awareness tool for emergency management personnel within the Operational Area to explore their capabilities to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from potential man-made and natural disasters" stated Fire Chief Mark Hartwig. "These types of exercises reinforce positive agency collaboration while allowing participants an opportunity to gain confidence in their abilities and skills".

One important lesson already learned is that no single city or county can meet all the needs of its residents and businesses in a catastrophic situation. Yes California is the leader in developing and using seismic building codes. However, earthquakes will happen and damage will occur. There is no such thing as "earthquake proof". According to the California Emergency Management Agency, most residents of California will not be killed or injured by the next earthquake, but they will be inconvenienced by damage to freeways, utility grids, and the telephone system.

**Cajon Pass Tabletop Exercise**

The Cajon Pass exercise will kick off with a tour conducted by Kathleen B. Springer, Senior Curator of Geological Sciences at the San Bernardino County Museum. This dynamic presenter will help further stakeholders understanding of the geological and seismic hazards particular to the Cajon

Pass. She will also address the effects of a catastrophic earthquake along the San Andreas Fault in the Cajon Pass and its effects on transportation and critical utilities.

Stakeholders are well aware of the importance of a coordinated response to a catastrophic incident impacting life safety, critical infrastructure, and the restoration of utility and transportation lifelines in the Cajon Pass. The purpose of this exercise is to evaluate the Responders Organized for Potential Emergencies (ROPE) plan that is designed to coordinate response and recovery operations for all emergency responders in the Cajon Pass following a magnitude 7.8 earthquake. The exercise will be conducted in a workshop format in order to focus discussion on identifying gaps and updating the ROPE plan.

### **City/Town Tabletop Exercise**

This exercise represents the “next level” in the county’s Golden Guardian exercise series, and will bring together varying degrees of expertise and experience from county and city/town stakeholders to strategize, problem solve, and work together in response to a regional disaster scenario. For the first time ever, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Responders from the Operational Area (OA) and EOC responders from each of the 24 cities and towns will be co-located to engage in face-to-face incident specific problem solving. Each of the cities/towns will be represented by their Emergency Manager and EOC responders.

This exercise will explore how local jurisdiction Emergency Operations Center responders and the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center responders work collaboratively to manage and coordinate response activities within the OA.

### **Mass Care and Shelter Plan Tabletop Exercise**

During the 2003 and 2007 Wildland Fires, the County pioneered a new concept known as the Shelter Operations Compound (SHOC), co-locating a human shelter, animal shelter, Local Assistance Center (LAC), and Client Support Services in one location. Since, the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services in conjunction with other County Departments and partner agencies who are on the Mass Care and Shelter Committee, have been developing the County’s Mass Care and Shelter Plan.

It is anticipated that the County can open three SHOCs simultaneously with each sheltering 3,000 people while also providing other needed services to evacuees. The purpose of this exercise is to bring together County Departments and partnering agencies that have a role in the Mass Care and Shelter Plan's SHOC Organizational Chart and test specific components of the Plan. Participating departments/agencies will address the staffing plan and resource request process for the SHOC.

Photos are available at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) under latest news.

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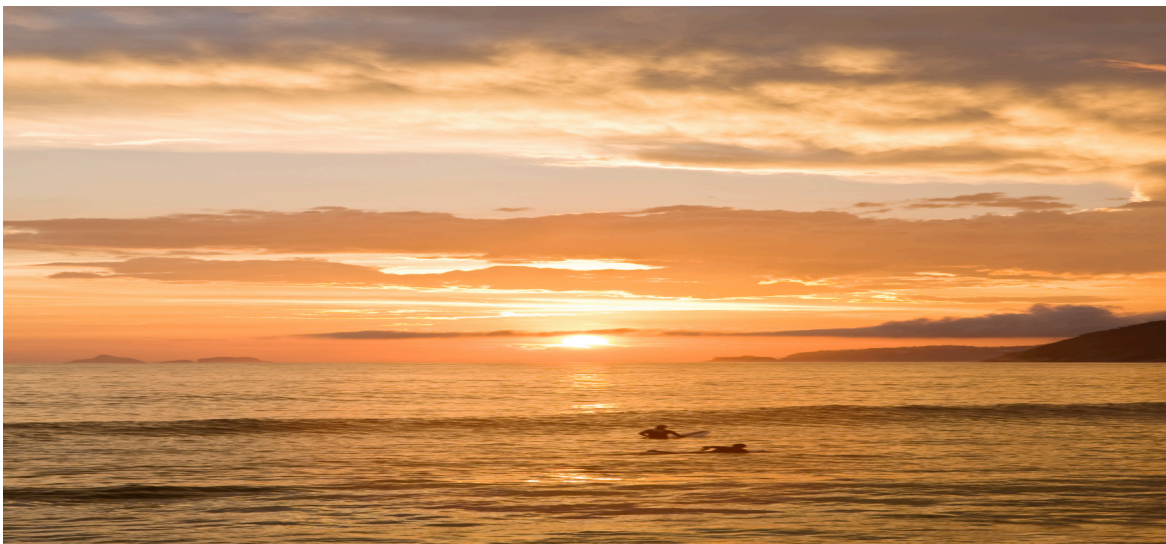
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## EMQ FamiliesFirst

EMQFamiliesFirst's Interagency Youth Resiliency Team (IYRT) Program in partnership with the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health presents.....

# THE 3-5-7 MODEL A PRACTICE APPROACH TO PERMANENCY



## With Darla L. Henry, PhD, MSW

“No matter the environment, culture or dynamics of the families we serve, at the core of each individual, is the desire to belong, to feel secure in relationship with another.”

-Darla L. Henry, PhD, MSW

### *Topics to be covered:*

*Philosophical Foundation*

*Components of Model*

*Implementation Strategies*

*Application of the Model*

***When: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> 2012***

***Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm***

***Registration begins at 8:00am; training begins promptly at 9am***

***NO COST!***

***Where: Behavioral Health Resource Center***

***850 East Foothill Boulevard***

***Rialto, CA 92376***

### **Continuing Education Information**

This course meets the qualifications for 18 hrs total of Continuing Education Units for the following regulatory bodies: MFT's and/or LCSW's as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Provider #PCE 4472.

**\*Seats are limited; if you would like to attend please contact the registration coordinator Edith Herrejon at [edith.herrejon@emqff.org](mailto:edith.herrejon@emqff.org) or at (909) 754-4286 or 7-1-1 for TTY users.**







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# TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE PROCESS (TIP) MODEL



**Presented by National Network on Youth Transition (NNYT) Behavioral Health  
& Stars Behavioral Health Group**

The Transition to Independence Process (TIP) system is an evidence-supported model based on published studies that demonstrate improvement in real-life outcomes for youth and young adults with emotional/behavioral difficulties (EBD). TIP is designed for personnel serving transition-age youth and young adults (14-29 years old) and their families.

***Topics to be covered:***

***Strength Discovery and Needs Assessment***

***Futures Planning***

***Rationales***

***In-Vivo Teaching***

***Social-Problem Solving (SODAS)***

***Prevention Planning on High Risk Behaviors***

***Mediation with Young People and Other Key Players (SCORA)***

***When: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup> 2012***

***Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm***

***Registration begins at 9:00am, training begins promptly at 9:30am***

***NO COST!***

***Where: The Castaways***

***670 Kendall Drive***

***San Bernardino, CA 92407***

### **Continuing Education Information**

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*We do whatever it takes.*

**INTERAGENCY YOUTH RESILIENCY TEAM (IYRT)**

**MENTORING PROGRAM**

**New Program for Former Foster and Probation Youth**

## **Teens Get Life Skills and Support**

It's a big program name to remember – Interagency Youth Resiliency Team (IYRT) – but the work it's promising to do will be even bigger. The IYRT is an innovative program starting in July to mentor current and former foster youth and probation youth ages 13- to 21-years-old.

IYRT will focus on helping these teens and young adults establish life skills and a network of support in such categories as housing, physical and emotional health, education, employment, and healthy, lasting relationships. This is the first program besides Transitional Age Youth (TAY) to serve older foster youth under the benefits of the newly enacted AB12 law, and the first offered for those who are not Medi-Cal eligible.

IYRT also gives essential support to foster parents with training on attachment, grief and loss, trauma and how to advocate for their child. There are benefits to professionals, too, since the training offers well-established models on how to understand, best support and advocate for youth in TAY. Staff training will cover environmental stressors, that is, the results of multiple placements, complicated histories of trauma, and exposure to domestic violence and gang activity.

EMQ FamiliesFirst in San Bernardino has been collaborating with two other agencies, Valley Star Children & Family Services and Reach Out. The agencies have been meeting since January to develop curriculum, policy and outcomes measures. Our IYRT program will serve San Bernardino, Fontana and Rialto. IYRT is a partnership with the county's Office of Innovations and the Department of Behavioral Health.

*For more information about the mentoring program, please contact:*



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## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Mark A. Hartwig**  
*Fire Chief*

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### **ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A WILDFIRE?** **May 6 - 12 is Wildfire Awareness Week**

San Bernardino – Don't let the recent cool weather fool you, the sun will shine and our region will soon be sweltering. Due to the amount of rain this past winter, light flashy fuels will be at their height in no time. This means grasses and weeds will flourish. With warmer weather, these flashy fuels will quickly dry out and cause an extreme fire danger.

May 6-12 is National Wildfire Awareness Week. San Bernardino County Fire reminds residents to do their part in understanding fire danger by exercising extreme caution around dry, flammable vegetation. Wildfire safety isn't limited to those who live near wild lands, it's for anyone camping or spending time in these locations as well.

Contrary to common perception, a wildfire does not have to burn everything in its path. In fact, clearing property of debris and maintaining landscaping are important, yet simple, first steps for homeowners. Residents can do their part and take simple steps today to lessen the risk of damage if a wildfire occurs.

- ✓ Create a defensible area, firebreaks that divert flames around property, by clearing weeds and dry grass at least 100 feet around your home. Property on sloped areas should be cleared at least 100 feet as well, as wind-fed flames can race up hills and mountainsides quickly.
- ✓ Store flammable liquids in approved safety cans away from occupied buildings.
- ✓ Keep propane tanks clear of vegetation.
- ✓ Keep all combustibles, such as firewood, lawn furniture, picnic tables, etc., away from structures.
- ✓ Clean rain gutters regularly to avoid leaf and needle accumulation.
- ✓ Clear vegetation and other flammable materials from beneath decks or other wooden structures.
- ✓ Remove tree limbs and vegetation that overhang the roof.
- ✓ Remove all branches lower than 6 feet.
- ✓ Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. Dispose of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- ✓ Dispose of stove or fireplace ash and charcoal briquettes after soaking them in a metal pail of water for 24 hours.
- ✓ Keep garden hose connected to faucet.
- ✓ Review your home escape plan with your family & have a fire drill exercise.
- ✓ Ensure address is clearly visible from the street.

To learn more on how you can be prepared for a wildfire, go to [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org) and click on the Ready, Set, Go icon. You can also contact your local fire department for further information and free property inspections. San Bernardino County Fire Department wishes you a safe summer.

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## **Arson Awareness Week May 6 - 12 Prevent Youth Firesetting**

San Bernardino – May 6-12 is National Arson Awareness Week. This year's focus is on the prevention of youth firesetting. The U.S. Fire Administration reported that between 2005 - 2009 fires started by children playing accounted for an average of 56,300 fires with associated losses of 110 civilian deaths, 880 civilian injuries and \$286 million in direct property damage per year. In 2010, according to the FBI, 40% of arson arrests were juveniles with 47.6% of those children under 16 years of age.

Parents should teach young children that fire is a tool, not a toy; keep matches and lighters out of reach, in high, ideally locked cabinets; and set a good example by safely using matches, lighters and other fire related devices. The most important thing a parent or caregiver can do is to always supervise young children.

Youth firesetting affects everyone through injuries and the loss of life, increased insurance premiums, decreased property values, increased crime and related expenses for fire and law enforcement professionals. Ultimately, the cost of battling youth firesetting is passed on to the citizens of San Bernardino County.

Here are a few tips on how you can help prevent youth firesetting:

- Lighters were the heat source in 50% of fires caused by children playing. Never leave matches or lighters within reach of children. Keep lighters and all other flame-producing devices locked up and out of sight.
- Do not purchase novelty lighters that look more like toys than a lighter.
- Praise your child for practicing responsible behavior and showing respect for fire. Set a good example; use matches, lighters, and fire carefully, as children will imitate positive behavior.
- Younger children are more likely to set fires in homes; often in closets, bedrooms and garages. ALWAYS know where your child is and provide good supervision.

Arson Investigators are asking for the communities help. If you or someone you know has a child who is prone to firesetting, please contact the San Bernardino County Fire Department at 909-386-8470 or your local fire department to have a Juvenile Firesetter Interventionist speak with the child. More information on fire safety is available at [www.sbcfire.org](http://www.sbcfire.org).

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March 27, 2012

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## Supervisors support shelter animal adoption event

The Board of Supervisors today lent its support to the County's Department of Public Health, Animal Care and Control Division's Inaugural "The Homeward Bound – Mega Pet Adoption Event".

The event will occur during Father's Day weekend, June 16, and June 17, at Yucaipa Regional Park and event parking will be at the Jerry Lewis Soccer Complex, which is directly adjacent to the area within Yucaipa Regional Park where the event will occur.

The event will start at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. and is free to the public. Participants will be able to adopt pets, receive free veterinarian assessments for the pet's they adopt, and obtain wellness vaccines and microchips at low costs. Families will also be able to participate in other fun activities such as face painting, giant slide, and enjoy various food vendors.

"This event assists in meeting the health and social services needs of the County's population and supports the Countywide Vision where all sectors work collaboratively to reach shared goals," said Brian Cronin, Division Chief Animal Care and Control. "The event will do this by building new and expanding existing partnerships among public agencies, businesses, and non-profit and faith-based organizations."

The Homeward Bound – Mega Pet Adoption Event is collaboration between San Bernardino County, the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley (HSSBV), the Yucaipa Animal Placement Society (YAPS), the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF), and the County Regional Parks Department.

In addition, the Animal Care and Control Division announced its participation in the American Society for the Prevention and Cruelty of Animals (ASPCA) Rachel Ray \$100K Challenge.

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## **Animal Care and Control**

**March 27, 2012**

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This Challenge is an annual contest that inspires animal shelters to innovate and stretch to save more lives. Fifty competing shelters from across the country will work to save at least 300 more animals—during the months of August, September, and October 2012—than they did over the same three-month period in 2011. As a result of previous Challenges, participating agencies increased the number of lives saved by 7,362 in 2010, and 8,977 in 2011.

By competing in this event, ACC will raise the level of awareness in the community of the many available and adoptable animals locally, and has the potential to receive a grant of one hundred thousand dollars. If awarded, the monies granted will be used to assist the nonprofit rescues who are partnered with ACC in their efforts to place more animals in forever homes.

To become one of the fifty competing shelters, the agency will earn their spot by getting the most online votes. Individuals can vote once per day during the voting period. To vote for San Bernardino County, go to ACC's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acc](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acc) and follow the links, or go directly to [www.votetosavelives.org/](http://www.votetosavelives.org/). Voting begins April 5<sup>th</sup> and will continue through April 16<sup>th</sup>. Tell your friends and family; get the word out, vote every day.

For more information about "The Homeward Bound – Mega Pet Adoption Event," and the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100K Challenge, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609 or visit [www.sbcounty.gov/acc](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acc).